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EANS-News: Semperit AG Holding / Semperit Acquires German Profile Producer Leeser

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* Segment Semperform strengthens market position in a step towards further expansion

Semperit AG Holding ("Semperit") has acquired Leeser GmbH & Co. KG ("Leeser"), a German manufacturer of high quality rubber seals. In this way Semperit is strengthening the Segment Semperform as a complete provider on the profiles market, and has thus taken a further step in its expansion on the growth market for building profiles. The purchase agreement was signed on 19th of March, 2015. The acquisition is subject to approval by anti-trust authorities. The closing of the transaction is expected in the second quarter of 2015. The two parties agreed to maintain confidentiality about the acquisition price.

Leeser operates two production plants located near Düsseldorf, Germany. In 2014 Leeser generated revenue of approx. EUR 37 million in Europe, employing a workforce of about 200 people. The sales focus of the company established in 1968 is mainly on the markets in Western Europe and the region of Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

Perfect complement to Semperform's sealing business

"Leeser is an excellently positioned company. It perfectly complements our existing Semperform business thanks to its high quality product portfolio and innovative solutions", says Thomas Fahnemann, Chief Executive Officer of Semperit AG Holding. "The acquisition comprises a further important step in the implementation of our growth strategy. With Leeser we can more effectively serve new customers and markets and strengthen our technological base. Another core aspect of the transaction is Leeser's employees. Thanks to this transaction, we can secure the continuing viability of Leeser and the jobs of its employees on a long-term basis within the Semperit Group. Together we will grow further and offer added value to our customers and shareholders", he adds.

About Semperit

The publicly listed company Semperit AG Holding is an internationally-oriented group that develops, produces, and sells in more than 100 countries highly specialised rubber and plastic products for the medical and industrial sectors: examination and surgical gloves, hydraulic and industrial hoses, conveyor belts, escalator handrails, construction profiles, cable car rings, and products for railway superstructures. The headquarters of this long-standing Austrian company, which was founded in 1824, are located in Vienna, and the global R & D centre is in Wimpassing, Lower Austria. The Semperit Group employs about 11,600 people worldwide, including close to 9,000 in Asia and more than 800 in Austria (Vienna and production site in Wimpassing, Lower Austria). The Group has 22 manufacturing facilities worldwide and numerous sales offices in Europe, Asia, and America. In 2013 the group generated sales of EUR 906 million and an EBITDA of EUR 133 million.

About Semperform

The Segment Semperform of the Semperit Group is a leading European manufacturer of moulded and extrusion products made of rubber and plastic. The extensive product portfolio ranges from escalator handrails, elastomer and seal profiles

for windows and doors, anti-vibration membranes for skis and snowboards to sleeper beds for railway tracks and cable car rings. These customised products are manufactured at production sites in Austria, Germany, Hungary and China. In 2013 the Segment Semperform generated revenue of EUR 131 million (about 14% of total Group revenue) and an EBITDA of EUR 25 million. With 40% of the segment revenue the business unit construction profiles is the largest within Semperform.

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